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WASHINGTON, D.C., NOVEMBER 19, 1971 -- U.S. Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson today announced that Forbes AFB in Topeka has been selected as the location of the Air Force Skill Center which will provide job training in employable skills to separating airmen. The Center, the only one of its kind, is being established as a result of President Nixon's desire to increase employment opportunities for returning veterans.

The Skill Center will be managed by the Air Training Command and the Departments of Labor and HEW will provide training in accordance with the Manpower Development and Training Act.

The Kansas Senators anticipate that the Skill Center will become operational in early 1972 and will build up to a student load of approximately 400 airmen by mid-summer. Base personnel will increase by approximately 80 military and 20 civilians. Should student loads exceed 400, base personnel and contractor support will increase proportionately.